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SUBJECT: TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER ABOUT EGYPTIAN VISIT AND SYRIAN  
RELATIONS

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY DISCUSSION WITH  
PRIME MINISTER RIFAI ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO EGYPT AND ON  
SYRIAN ATTITUDES.

2. RIFAI MET WITH SADAT FOR OVER TWO HOURS OCTOBER 19.  
SADAT WONDERED WHAT ASAS WAS UP TO. RIFAI REPLIED THAT  
ASAD IS ASKING THE SAME OF YOU(SADAT) SADAT WOULD NOT  
DISCUSS DETAILS OF SINAI AGREEMENT. HE PUT GREAT STRESS  
ON SOME FLOW-ON STEP ON GOLAN FOR ASAD. SAID US HAD  
ALWAYS KEPT ITS PROMISES TO HIM AND US HAD PROMISED TO  
DO SOMETHING ON GOLAN. RIFAI DISCUSSED JORDANIAN PROPOSAL  
OF GETTING SOMETHING FOR ASAD ON GOLAN WHICH HE CANT'T  
REFUSE OR AT LEAST REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT. HE SAID SADAT AGREED ON  
THIS PROCESS. HE BELIEVES SADAT WILL PLACE A MAJOR FOCUS ON HIS  
TRIP TO US ON EFFORT TO GET SOMETHING FOR ASAD. SADAT WAS CRUDE AND  
SCATHING IN HIS COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLO. HE PUT EMPHASIS  
ON NEED FOR KING HUSSEIN TO GET WEST BANK BACK AND REVERSAL  
OF RABAT DECISION. HE SAID TO DO THIS JORDANIANS AND  
PALESTINIANS MUST COME TOGETHER AND SYRIAN CAN HELP.  
1976 SHOULD BE THE YEAR OF THE ARABS TO GET TOGETHER WHEN US  
ELECTIONS PUT DAMPER ON PEACE ACTIVITIES.

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3. RIFAI BELIEVES SYRIAN WILL CONTINUE THE UNDOF MANDATE ON THE GOLAN BUT WILL PERHAPS NEED SOME FACE-SAVING ARRANGEMENT SUCH AS A WALDHEIM TRIP TO THE AREA. RIFAI ALSO BELIEVES THAT SYRIAN WILL ACCEPT DISCUSSIONS OF A FEW KILOMETERS ON THE GOLAN BUT TO GET THIS GOING US WILL NEED TO PRESENT A SUBSTANTIALLY INTERESTING ISREALI PROPOSAL TO ASAD. PROGRESS ON THE GOLAN CANNOT WAIT UNTIL AFTER US ELECTIONS, ACCORDING TO RIFAI. ASAD'S TRIP TO MOSCOW WAS MAINLY TO GET WEAPONS AND ASAD SEEMS TO BE BERY PLEASED WITH WHAT SOVIETS GAVE HIM, ALTHOUGH JORDANIANS SHORT ON DETAILS.  
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